

REMARKS

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated 15 November 2004. Applicants disagree with all the objections, rejections, and assertions presented in the 15 October 2004 Office Action. Applicants assert that the pending claims 1-23 are allowable and respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of all the pending objections and rejections.

Claims 1, 2, 13, and 14 are amended to clarify chemical nomenclature. Support for this amendment is found, at least, in the Examples of the pending application. Claim 23 was amended to clarify grammar. The pending claims are fully supported by the specification and add no new matter to the application.

Claim Objections

Claims 1-2 and 13-21 were objected to for use of the term "1,4-terephthalate" and "1,4-cyclohexane dicarboxylate." Applicants have amended claims 1-2 and 13-14 to further clarify that "1,4-terephthalate" refers to "1,4-dimethylterephthalate" and "1,4-cyclohexane dicarboxylate" refers to "1,4-dimethylcyclohexane dicarboxylate." Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of these claim objections.

Claims 2 and 14 were objected to due to improper punctuation. Applicants have amended claims 2 and 14 to correct punctuation. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of these claim objections.

Double Patenting

Claims 1-23 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-40 of Weber et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,609,795 in view of "Merriam Webster's College Dictionary, Tenth Edition. Although the Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's bases for these rejections, to expedite prosecution of the present application, Applicants timely file a terminal disclaimer herewith in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c). In view the above, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of these claim rejections.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, Applicants submits that pending claims 1-23 are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration is respectfully requested and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

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